GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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BAN ON IMPORT OF INDIAN MANGOES BY USA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States of America(USA) had imposed a ban on import of Indian mangoes;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of yearly foreign exchange earned by India therefrom prior to such ban during last three years;

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to compensate the loss of foreign exchange therefrom; and

(e) the details of India's share of export of mangoes to the USA alongwith the percentage of production of mangoes to the export to the USA?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. A ban was imposed on import of Indian mangoes by United States of America (USA) on account of occurrence of fruit fly and stone weevil in it. They have since agreed to the import of irradiated Indian mangoes. Thereafter, a consignment of Indian mangoes has been dispatched to the USA on 27.04.2007

(c) to(e): There was no export of mango to USA during the last three years owing to the ban. It is therefore not possible to assess the loss of foreign exchange on this count or to determine India's share in export of mangoes to the USA.